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ZHUKOV'S GERMANY SPEECH

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East Germany. He asserted that USSR would strike first blow in future war, if decided we prepared to attack.

A. Assigned defensive role ("hold out for 46 hours") to Soviet forces in Germany.

1. Said equipment of forces in Germany is and will remain obsolete due to security considerations; "Western agents watching from every house".

2. We find this a surprising statement in view of two-year "modernization" program.

B. Said must plan operations so as to reach the Channel on D + 1.

II. Boasted that Sovs possess everything essential to modern warfare.

A. Said Sovs have fighters with speeds up to 1250 MPH; ceilings 99,000 ft.

(1. Speed claim appears accurate, but ceiling claim is well beyond our estimate of 60,000 ft.)

B. Alleged that CEP* of 75-mile missile is only 650 feet.

1. Our estimates agree with range, but estimate a CEP of twice that measure.

C. Comments on new heavy tank (T-10, or JS-4) and even newer one indicate continued Soviet interest in such weapons.

III. Zhukov warned that Soviets must not trust the East German Army.

A. Demonstrates Soviet estimate of low reliability of Satellite army forces.